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LEPC GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, March 10, 2011
8:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Harbor Hospital – 3001 South Hanover Street - 21225

Welcome and Remarks:

- The meeting was called to order by Chairman Robert Maloney at 8:30 am. He thanked Mr. Brian Gray, Director of Clinical Engineering & Environment of Care and Harbor Hospital for hosting today's meeting and commended all for their attendance during what could possibly become a record setting weather event (possibly as much as 7 inches of rain predicted throughout the day and the expectation of probable flooding conditions in low lying areas in and around the city).
- Bob gave a brief overview the following events:
 - The Grand Prix Race scheduled to take place in the streets of downtown Baltimore City during the 2011 Labor Day Weekend. A NIMS Unified Command Structure will be in place to manage the event and a hot line will be established alongside Incident Command so that citizen complaints or concerns can be addressed immediately.
 - An upcoming AAR of the snow event which caused a massive back up of vehicles on I-83 and the report of a possible leak of Methyl Mercaptan (the ingredient used to odorize natural gas).
 - The robust unified command established when a Tornado touched down in Northeast Baltimore City on November 17, 2010. Bob noted that the entire response to this incident was handled exceptionally well, and especially commended the efforts of The American Red Cross and Reggie Scriber (Baltimore City Department of Housing and Community Development) and his staff.

Other Significant Incidents and Events (Richard Williams):

- 12/6 – 5 Alarm Fire on The Block adjacent to MECU Building (Fire HQ)
- 12/7 – 5 Alarm Fire on Charles Street in Mt. Vernon
- 12/7 – Evacuation of Day Care facility for a CO Leak
- 2/3 - Fire in the Subway tunnel near Baltimore and Light Street
- 2/8 and 2/15 - CO leak at Dickey Hill Elementary/Middle School
- 2/11 - Mercury spill inside Gilford Elementary School
- 2/16 - Gas Leak at downtown Hilton Hotel

Training & Exercises (Scott Brillman reporting for Wayne Brown):

- Baltimore City participated in 16 major exercises in 2010 including the full scale Vigilant Guard Exercise with the National Guard.
- NIMS Classes – 121 students completed NIMS Training Courses ICS 300 and 400 during the four classes that were conducted in 2010. The 2011 scheduled classes will be offered at the Public Safety Training Academy at 3500 W. Northern Parkway on the following dates: March 21 – 24; April 11 – 14; and May 16 – 19. NIMS Courses ICS100, 200, 700 and 800, which are available online at FEMA.gov, must be completed prior to taking ICS 300 and 400.
- Wayne Brown is currently managing the project to develop a Multi-Agency Homeland Security Training Room located at the Public Safety Training Academy. The room will be equipped with state of the art technology and will be available to city agencies and our regional partners to conduct training.

Government Reports

BCFD – Chief Ernie Trimper, newly appointed Special Operations Commander was introduced and will report at the next quarterly LEPC meeting. Chief Wagner, BCFD Hazmat Coordinator, advised that mercury based thermostats should be taken to your nearest Fire Station to assure a safe disposal.

BPD – Not present, but Bob Maloney reported that intel has been received that due to high oil costs there has been an increase in theft of large quantities of fuel.

Businesses:**SBIMAP (Pat Williams, MDE):**

The South Baltimore Industries Mutual Aid Plan supports emergency preparedness efforts and promotes citizens right to know. This organization which was established in 1982 was very instrumental in the development of the Baltimore City LEPC back in the early 1980's. The next quarterly meeting will be the third Thursday in May at the offices of the MDE located on Washington Boulevard.

Downtown Partnership (Tom Yeager, Executive VP):

Established in the mid 90's this group of downtown business partners formed a public safety coalition which meet monthly. Their recent efforts include having a presence at hearings of minor infractions of the law which impact downtown business, but are not usually prosecuted and Homeless Service meters a collection tool used to discourage panhandling.

Area Hospital Consortium Report (Mr. Howard Gwon, Administrator for Disaster Plans and Preparedness at Johns Hopkins Hospital):

The Consortium meets regular to plan and prepare to accommodate the medical needs of the city in the event of a major event/disaster.

Baltimore City's Emergency Plans Overview (Nicole Errett, Director of Planning & Policy Development, MOEM):

Baltimore City's Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP) identifies, defines and prioritizes essential functions of City Government to assure that they continue to be met in the event of an emergency. The Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) establishes the policies and procedures under which the city of Baltimore will operate in the event of an emergency or major disaster and consists of hazard specific function annexes including check off lists for tracking. The purpose of the Pandemic Influenza is to prepare for, respond to and recovery from a contagious

illness outbreak. The Hazardous Mitigation Plan develops strategies to reduce or eliminate the loss of lives and damage to property.

American Red Cross (Bethany Brown)

A brief update of ARC - 161 responses from January 1 thru March 9, 2011

Sheltering (Rosa Uddeme, MDHR)

A brief update of sheltering planning for the central MD region

Citizens

CERT Update (Michelle Lacey):

The Baltimore City Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program is unique in that it has very active and enthusiastic volunteers whose numbers continue to grow. Almost sixty new members representing communities throughout the City attended the first Quarterly Training Course which took place on February 12th and 13th increasing the total number of trained CERT members to 300. Monthly refresher training opportunities will be announced.

Citizens Corp Update (Bob Brinkman, Chair - Co-Chair Pat Taylor):

This group is being re-established to assist with the CERT Program and community preparedness. Their goal is to encourage and to actively engage more citizens to become involved in emergency planning within their communities. The group meets regularly to establish, draft and adopt bylaws. Quarterly reports are submitted to the LEPC.

Panel Discussion – Presentation

META Leadership - Howard Gwon

CDC established leadership concept of problem solving

An overview of the response to the live shooter incident which occurred at Johns Hopkins Hospital

Protecting Baltimore's Harbor

Panelists:

- **Lt. David Larsen, DNR – Maritime Tactical Operations Group & the coordination of Maritime Security Operations within the Port of Baltimore"**
- **Mr. Tim Bowman, DNG, "Maritime Common Operating Picture**
- **LCDR Mike DaPonte, USCG The United States Coast Guard Mission and Overview.**

The meeting adjourned at 12:00

The next general meeting of the LEPC will be announced.